

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

**PUBLIC VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

At 1:50 p.m. Chair Luis Fusté called the meeting to order with the following members present:

PAUL D. BAIN  
JAMES BUSH, III  
TINA DESCOVICH  
FREDDIE FIGGERS  
LUIS FUSTÉ  
LAIRD A. LILE  
ASHLEY LUKIS  
LINDA STEWART

Commissioner Bush arrived late to the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The presence of a quorum was noted.

**LITIGATION UPDATE, DISCUSSION, AND DIRECTION**

- (1) Case Number 2024 CA 000283, Town of Briny Breezes, Florida et al. v. Lukis et al. (Fla. 2d Cir. Ct., Leon County); and
- (2) Case Number 1:24-cv-20604-JAL, President of Town Council Elizabeth A. Loper, elected official of the Town of Briny Breezes, et al. v. Lukis et al. (United States District Court Southern District of Florida).

Chair Fusté introduced new Commissioners: James Bush and Linda Stewart.

The Chair asked whether there was any member of the public present who wished to be heard. There was no one who asked to speak and no email comments were received.

General Counsel Steven Zuilkowski explained that the purpose of the special meeting was to get an update on the litigation and discuss all related matters.

Chair Fusté introduced Special Counsel Bill Stafford. Mr. Stafford explained the status of the litigation, and answered questions asked by the Commission.

**Commissioner Lile, seconded by Commissioner Bush, moved to direct our Commission's counsel to approach opposing counsel for a negotiated resolution to bring the lawsuit to a conclusion eliminating the future risk of a final judgement in favor of plaintiff that puts the financial disclosure scheme at risk. The motion failed, with Commission Bain, Commissioner Descovich, Commissioner Figgers, Commissioner Fusté, Commissioner Lukis, and Commissioner Stewart voting no.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items on the agenda, the Public Video Conference Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Diana Westberry, *Secretary*

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Luis Fusté, *Chair*

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Date